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REMARKS

The above-identified application has been amended to remove the one inadvertently remaining multiple dependent claim. In particular, Claim 31 has been amended. Thus, Applicant requests that the requirement to pay the additional claim fee of \$420.00 be withdrawn.

Additionally, Applicant hereby submits a combined Declaration and Power of Attorney executed by all the inventors, as well as the \$130.00 surcharge and the \$210.00 examination fee.

Accordingly, the application is believed to be in condition for examination on the merits. Such examination and favorable consideration are respectfully requested. Any questions regarding this matter should be directed to the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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